

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MEXICO 00548 230517Z

15

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PA-04 PRS-01 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00

RSC-01 PM-07 NSC-10 SPC-03 SS-20 DODE-00 DRC-01 /078 W

----- 056468

R 222255Z JAN 74;

FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO USIA WASHDC

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 0000

UNCLAS MEXICO 00548

USIAC

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT OF JANUARY 22, 1974

USIA IOP/M; STATE FOR ARA

AMBASSADOR JOSEPH JOHN JOVA WAS ATTACKED TODAY BY TWO COLUMNISTS FROM LEFTIST NEWSPAPER EL DIA. UNDER TITLE OF "THE INCREDIBLE JOSEPH JOVA" ONE COLUMNIST PORTRAYS JOVA AS A CIA AGENT. THE OTHER DOUBTS THAT A CHANGE OF AMBASSADORS WILL ALTER THE OLD HISTORY OF US AGRESSION AGAINST MEXICO. SOCORRO DIAZ WRITES: "THE NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SEEMS IRRETRIEVABLY TIED TO THE PLOT IN CHILE TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF SALVADOR ALLENDE. WE KNOW OF THE BLOODBATH DROWNING OF CHILEANS; THE HOSTS OF SUCH AN IMPORTANT GUEST CANNOT HELP BUT SHUDDER REMEMBERING THE BIBLICAL SAYING: "BY THEIR FRUITS THOU SHALL KNOW THEM."

" SUSPICION IS NATURAL TO THE OPRESSED AND THE THREATENED. RECENT AND OLD EXPERIENCES OF LATIN AMERICA SPEAK FOR, AT LEAST, A DEFENSIVE WARNING. THE PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR JOVA IN MEXICO GIVES GROUND FOR GAMES OF IMAGINATION BUT IT ENTAILS A THREAT. THIS THREAT IS NOT LATENT BUT TOMORROW IT COULD FIND A VIGOROUS SUSTAINER, (THE AMBASSADOR) WHO ALREADY HAS A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE IN THAT INVETERATE TASK OF CONVERTING DIPLOMATIC LEGATIONS INTO STRONGHOLDS OF SUBVERSION AGAINST CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENTS.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MEXICO 00548 230517Z

"A FRUITFUL LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF AMERICAN INTERVENTION IS THE PROFESSIONAL BAGGAGE OF THE AMBASSADOR WHO WILL ARRIVE ONE OF THESE DAYS TO STAY AS LONG AS NECESSARY."

MANUEL OSANTE LOPEZ, ALSO OF EL DIA, RECALLS A LONG LIST OF U.S. OFFENSES AGAINST MEXICO INCLUDING GRABBING HALF ITS TERRITORY, ADDING: "THE FACT THAT IN TIMES OF SOCIAL PEACE TENSIONS BETWEEN SUCH DISPARATE NEIGHBORS HAVE DIMINISHED, DOES NOT MEAN EVERYTHING IS SUGAR AND SPICE... WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT THAT THE ATTITUDE WHICH HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED (FOR MANY YEARS) WILL NOW IMPROVE WITH A NEW DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE. MEN ONLY REPRESENT THE TRADITIONAL INTERESTS OF THE SYSTEM THEY SERVE. IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO SEPARATE THEM FROM SUCH A REALITY. WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT FOR US IS NOT TO GIVE UP ONE IOTA IN EACH AND ALL OF OUR DEMANDS HOPING THIS WILL RESULT IN LESS ONEROUS CONDITIONS FOR OUR COUNTRY." OSANTE LOPEZ WINDS UP HIS COLUMN SAYING THAT ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHETHER JOVA'S APPOINTMENT AND KENNETH RUSH'S STATEMENTS ABOUT MEXICO REALLY MEAN ACHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN MEXICAN-U.S. RELATIONS.
CARTER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** UNCLASSIFIED

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AMBASSADORS, ANTIAMERICAN, FOREIGN RELATIONS, PRESS COMMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974MEXICO00548
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: n/a
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: MEXICO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740169/aaaagvyx.tel
Line Count: 87
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 FEB 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 FEB 2002 by chappeld>; APPROVED <20-Nov-2002 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> srp 971017
Subject: MEDIA REACTION REPORT OF JANUARY 22, 1974 USIA IOP/M; STATE FOR ARA
TAGS: PFOR, MX, US
To: USIA INFO STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005